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Pesticides in the USVI and Puerto Rico: On April 16, Region 2 issued a news release announcing that the methyl bromide investigation has expanded to Puerto Rico and confirming that the methyl bromide used in St. John was provided by two pesticide distributors in Puerto Rico. Further, Terminex is one of a number of pesticide companies that may have applied methyl bromide inappropriately in various locations in Puerto Rico. R2 continues to work with the PR Dept of Agriculture and the USVI government on inspections and records review.

ATSDR is wrapping up its interviews for USVI and is available for Puerto Rico interviews if needed. Indoor air sampling of the two condo apartments in St. John continue today and tomorrow. We have started a discussion with ATSDR and Region 2 staff and USVI government on the appropriate level of methyl bromide allowed in the apartments for when they are able to be re occupied.

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